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Sunne Wright McPeak
California Emerging Technology Fund
The Hearst Building
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San Francisco, CA 94103-3206

RE: Support for Internet for All Now

Dear Ms. McPeak:

First 5 Fresno County supports the California Emerging Technology Fund in its Internet for All Now campaign to secure an affordable Broadband Lifeline Program for all low-income households from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Technology plays an important role in empowering low-income residents in poor neighborhoods. Unfortunately, more than 20 percent of all California households remain offline and, as such, are being left behind at an accelerating pace. The Digital Divide persists for disadvantaged communities with large percentages of households not connected at home. Participation in daily life, however, requires broadband access at home, including homework, common core access, job and college applications, healthcare coverage, workforce training, and scholarship information.

At First 5 Fresno County, we want all children to have a strong foundation so they can reach their full potential. We fund programs and invest in efforts that improve the lives of children ages 0-5 and their families so all children can thrive. We strongly believe that access to affordable broadband for all low-income families is imperative to the ultimate success of many young children and families in Fresno County.

Therefore, we endorse the Internet for All Now proposal to the FCC for a successful Broadband Lifeline Program. Thank you for your work on this effort.

Sincerely,



Emilia Reyes
Executive Director
First 5 Fresno County

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